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1. The Metalochimica Factory in Ploesti, which produces zinc oxide, is located next to the North railroad station. The best quality zinc oxide is exported to Czechoslovakia and Poland. Sulfur is imported from Poland for the production of a blue dye called ultra marin. This dye is for domestic consumption only.

2. Zinc is placed in ovens with a high temperature resulting in the evaporation of zinc and oxide into a chimney where it is collected in powder form. The powder is packed in sacks and ready for export.

3. The blue dye or ultra marin is made first by mixing soda calcinato, caolin, and silica. This mixture is placed in refractory containers brought from Craiova. The containers are placed in high temperature ovens to be baked, after which they are allowed to cool for 21 days. When the containers are removed from the ovens the contents are emptied into wooden basins where the dye is washed. After the washing, the material is poured into barrels where it remains until it settles and the water is clear. Following this step, the material is taken out of the barrels to the mills to be ground into powder and packed in wooden cases with a capacity of 50 kilograms.

4. The above factory consists of three one story buildings. It has 120 employees. It is subordinate to the Ministry of Metallurgy and Chemical Industry and it is directed by Ion Constantinescu who is also Cadre Chief at the factory. It is guarded by unarmed Rumanian guards.

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